

(2) The application contains an impediment. (See 49 CFR 1182.12.)

(c) Any statements submitted on behalf of an applicant supporting the transaction shall be verified. Pleadings consisting strictly of legal argument, however, need not be verified.

(d) If an application or supplemental pleading contains false or misleading information, the granted application is void *ab initio*.

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§ 1182.4 Directly related applications.

(a) Directly related applications shall be filed along with the proposed acquisition transaction in a single submission. Such applications are those filed under other provisions of title 49, subtitle IV, U.S. Code, "Transportation," that either directly affect or are directly affected by the application filed under 49 U.S.C. 11343-11344. Typically, they include requests to obtain new operating authority, or to modify or convert existing operating authority. Whenever an application is filed under these rules and a directly related application also is filed, each application shall make reference to the other.

(b) Whenever possible, the Board will decide directly related applications in a consolidated proceeding. In such cases, the statutory timeframes governing the lead proceeding under 49 U.S.C. 11343-11344 will be applied.

§ 1182.5 Filing the application.

(a) Each application shall be filed with the Board as provided at 49 CFR 1182.15. In addition, one copy shall be delivered to the Board's Regional Office for the region in which each party's headquarters is located. Upon written request of a State, one copy shall be delivered, by first-class mail.

(b) In their application, the parties shall certify that they have delivered copies of the application as provided in paragraph (a) of this section.

§ 1182.6 Board review of the application.

(a) All applications will be reviewed for correctness and completeness. Minor errors will be corrected with notification to the applicants. Incomplete applications may be rejected.

(b) A summary of the application will be published in the *STB Register* to give notice to the public. The summary for an application involving motor carriers also will be published in the *FEDERAL REGISTER*. It will be published in the form of a tentative grant of authority. (See also 49 CFR 1182.12, regarding applications published with impediments.)

(c) If the published notice does not properly describe the authority sought, applicants shall inform the Board within 10 days after the publication date.

Subpart B—Protests

§ 1182.7 Protests.

(a) Protests to an application shall be filed (received at the Board) within 45 days after the date the application is published.

(b) Failure to file a timely protest waives further participation in the proceeding. If no one opposes the application, the published tentative grant of authority will automatically become effective at the close of the comment period.

§ 1182.8 Notice.

A copy of the application will be available for inspection at the Board's offices in Washington, DC, or at the Regional Office for each applicant's domicile. Interested persons may request a copy of the application by writing to the Board-designated contract agent (as identified in the *STB Register*), Room 2229, Surface Transportation Board Building, Washington, DC 20423, and including a check or money order for \$10 made payable to such contract agent; or, by contacting the contract agent at (202) 289-4357/4359 [TDD for hearing impaired (202) 275-1721] and arranging billing acceptable to the agent.

§ 1182.9 Contents of a protest.

(a) Protests shall be verified.

(b) The protest shall contain all information upon which the protestant plans to rely, including the grounds for the protest and the protestant's interest in the proceeding.

(c) A protest may include a request that the Board allow: